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E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: MASS, PFOR, TU  
SUBJ: REPLY TO SECRETARY CLIFFORD'S LETTER TO PRIME  
MINISTER DEMIREL

1. EMBOFF WAS CALLED TO FOREIGN MINISTRY MORNING MAY 7 TO RECEIVE  
LETTER OF SAME DATE FROM FONMIN CAGLAYANGIL REPLYING TO SECRETARY  
CLIFFORD'S LETTER TO PRIME MINISTER DEMIREL OF APRIL 29, 1977.  
2. FOLLOWING IS FULL TEXT:  
BEGIN TEXT:  
DEAR MR. SECRETARY  
I ACKNOWLEDGE THE RECEIPT OF YOUR MESSAGE DATED  
APRIL 29, 1977 ADDRESSED TO THE PRIME MINISTER.

AS I HAVE EXPLAINED TO YOU AT OUR MEETING IN  
ANKARA, THE ESSENCE OF OUR VIEWS CONCERNING THE  
POLITICAL AND DEFENCE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN TURKEY AND  
THE UNITED STATES IS AS FOLLOWS:

TURKEY SEEKS A PROMPT RATIFICATION OF THE DEFENCE  
COOPERATION AGREEMENT AS DELAY RESULTS IN FURTHER  
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DETERIORATION OF OUR BILATERAL RELATIONS. TURKEY IS  
INTERESTED IN AN OVERALL RESTORATION OF THE POLITICAL  
RELATIONSHIP WITH THE UNITED STATES RATHER THAN TEMPORARY  
MEASURES WHICH GO HALF WAY TO MEETING THE REQUIREMENTS  
OF TURKISH-AMERICAN COOPERATION.

AS FOR THE INTERIM PROGRAMME TO WHICH YOU REFER

IN YOUR MESSAGE, OUR THOUGHTS ARE STATED BELOW:

WE HAD CONSIDERED THE ENDORSEMENT OF THE DEFENCE COOPERATION AGREEMENT AS A POSITIVE STEP FORWARD, ALTHOUGH WE HAD FOUND RATHER DISCOURAGING A FURTHER POSTPONEMENT OF ITS RATIFICATION. ON THE OTHER HAND, WE OBSERVED THAT THE PROPOSAL CONCERNING THE ADJUSTMENT OF THE CEILING ON CASH SALES FALLS BEHIND THE SUGGESTIONS YOU HAVE MADE AND WHICH WERE TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE INTERIM PROGRAMME. WE HAVE NOW BEEN INFORMED THAT, IN VIEW OF CRITICISMS FROM A FEW MEMBERS OF THE CONGRESS, THE ADMINISTRATION HAS PREFERRED TO DELETE ALTOGETHER FROM THE ORIGINAL DRAFT LEGISLATION ANY DISPOSITION CONCERNING THE F-4 SALE, THEREBY LIMITING SALES TO TURKEY TO 175 MILLION DOLLARS IN FMS CREDITS. THIS DISAPPOINTING DEVELOPMENT HAS CREATED FOR THE TURKISH GOVERNMENT A POLITICAL PROBLEM AND SERIOUSLY JEOPARDIZED THE AGREED SALE OF PHANTOM PLANES.

THE LAST MINUTE CHANGE IN THE PREPARED TEXT OF THE STATEMENT OF THE STATE DEPARTMENT COUNSELOR MATTHEW NIMETZ TO CONGRESS, ON APRIL 21ST WITH REFERENCE TO GREEK AND TURKISH CYPRIOT PROPOSALS SUBMITTED AT THE RECENT VIENNA TALKS, HAS UNFORTUNATELY DRASTICALLY UPSET THE BALANCE APPROACH OF THE US ADMINISTRATION TOWARDS THE TWO CYPRIOT COMMUNITIES. I CANNOT HELP BUT DRAW ATTENTION TO THE NEGATIVE REACTION CAUSED BY THE FACT THAT ALTHOUGH NO COMMENT WAS MADE IN THE STATEMENT ABOUT THE MOST UNREALISTIC AND INTRANSIGENT NATURE OF THE CONFIDENTIAL

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GREEK CYPRIOT PROPOSALS CONCERNING THE LINE, IT WAS DEEMED APPROPRIATE TO CRITICIZE THE TURKISH CYPRIOT PROPOSALS ABOUT THE CONSTITUTIONAL ASPECTS OF THE CYPRUS PROBLEM. WE ARE SERIOUSLY CONCERNED THAT THIS TILTING IN FAVOR OF THE GREEK CYPRIOT COMMUNITY CAN HAVE NOTHING BUT COUNTER-PRODUCTIVE RESULTS.

WE HAVE BEEN BRIEFED BY THE DIRECTOR OF CYPRUS-GREECE DEPARTMENT ABOUT THE POSITIVE POSITION ADOPTED BY THE US OBSERVER IN VIENNA, MR. LEDSKY, AND WE ARE GLAD TO HEAR FROM OUR AMBASSADOR IN NICOSIA THAT THE INTERCOMMUNAL TALKS WILL BE CONTINUED ON THE ISLAND IN THE SECOND PART OF MAY.

SINCERELY,

IHSAN SABRI CAGLAYANGIL: END TEXT

3. MFA DIRECTOR OF DEFENSE AGREEMENTS AND BILATERAL SECURITY AFFAIRS (OZGUL), WHO CONVEYED LETTER TO EMBOFF, SAID THAT FONMIN CAGLAYANGIL LOOKS FORWARD TO FOLLOW-UP DISCUSSIONS ON US-TURKISH

RELATIONS WITH SECRETARY VANCE DURING CENTO MINISTERIAL IN  
TEHRAN MAY 14-15 IF THE SECRETARY WISHES. OZGUL DID NOT RPT  
NOT MENTION MEETING BETWEEN PRIMIN DEMIREL AND/OR FONMIN  
CAGLAYANGIL WITH SECRETARY CLIFFORD DURING NATO SUMMIT MAY 9-10.  
OZGUL DID SAY, HOWEVER, THAT GOT HOPES THAT MEETING BETWEEN PRESIDENT  
CARTER AND PRIMIN DEMIREL AT NATO SUMMIT WILL PRODUCE "FAVORABLE  
RESULTS" TO HELP TIDE GOT OVERDURING DIFFICULT ELECTION PERIOD  
HERE. MFA OFFICIALS AND PRIMIN DEMIREL, OZGUL ADDED, ARE TRYING  
VERY HARD TO DAMPEN LOCAL PUBLIC RELATIONS EFFECT OF F-4 DIFFICULTIES  
IN CONGRESS TO PREVENT IT FROM BECOMING AN ELECTION ISSUE.

4. COMMENT: I HAVE ASCERTAINED THAT THE FOREGOING MESSAGE IS NOT  
RPT NOT INTENDED AS A DEFINITIVE GOT RESPONSE TO INVITATION FOR  
PRIMIN DEMIREL AND FONMIN CAGLAYANGIL TO HAVE SUPPLEMENTARY MEETING  
WITH SECRETARY CLIFFORD BEFORE OR AFTER THEIR MEETING WITH THE  
PRESIDENT. RATHER, ITS INTENT IS TO FOCUS ON GOT REACTION TO  
INTERIM PROGRAM SECRETARY CLIFFORD DISCUSSED IN HIS APRIL 29  
MESSAGE. SENIOR GOT OFFICIALS ALLEGE THAT SCHEDULE PRESSURES  
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ON PRIMIN AND FONMIN-- ELECTION PROBLEMS AND VISITS IN  
PAST FEW DAYS OF KOREAN PRIMIN AND POLISH FONMIN--HAVE PRECLUDED  
THE ELICITING OF A DEMIREL/CAGLAYANGIL RESPONSE TO THIS INVITATION.  
SENIOR PROFESSIONALS IN THE FOREIGN OFFICE BELIEVE SUCH A MEETING  
SHOULD TAKE PLACE AND ARE SEEKING AN AFFIRMATIVE RESPONSE FROM  
THEIR PRINCIPALS. I SUSPECT, HOWEVER, THAT THERE ARE ALSO  
TACTICAL OVERTONES TO GOT'S FAILURE TO GIVE US A MORE PROMPT  
ANSWER.  
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